

NOTICE TO BIDDERS SPECIFICATION NO.04-315

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska intends to enter into a contract and invites you to submit a sealed bid for:

CARPET FOR THE CITY OF LINCOLN 911 CENTER

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Lincoln, Nebraska on or before **12:00 Noon Wednesday, December 22, 2004**, in the office of the Purchasing Agent, Suite 200, K Street Complex, Southwest Wing, 440 South 8th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the K Street Complex.

Bidders should take caution if U.S. mail or mail delivery services are used for the submission of bids. Mailing should be made in sufficient time for bids to arrive in the Purchasing Division, prior to the time and date specified above.

**PROPOSAL
SPECIFICATION NO. 04-315**

BID OPENING TIME: 12:00 NOON

DATE: December 22, 2004

The undersigned bidder, having full knowledge of the requirements of the City of Lincoln for the below listed items and the contract documents (which include Notice to Bidders, Instructions to Bidders, this Proposal, Specifications, Contract, and any and all addenda) and all other conditions of the Proposal, agrees to enter into a contract for the below listed items for the performance of this Specification, complete in every respect, in strict accordance with the contract documents at and for unit prices listed below.

ADDENDA RECEIPT: The receipt of addenda to the specifications numbers ____ through ____ are hereby acknowledged. Failure of any bidder to receive any addendum or interpretation of the specifications shall not relieve the bidder from obligations specified in the bid request. All addenda shall become part of the final contract document.

BIDDING SCHEDULE

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>PRICE PER SQ. YD.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1.	Furnish, deliver and install carpet for the 911 center, 555 So. 10 th Street., Lincoln, NE Carpet Mill: _____ Style: _____ Furnish, deliver and install carpet for 911 center Broadloom carpet	400 sq. yd. Carpet tile	\$ _____	\$ _____
2.	Carpet mill _____ Style _____ Installation of contractor supplied 4" vinyl Cove base.	60 sq. yd.	\$ _____	\$ _____
3.	Removal of existing carpet & base	Lump Sum		\$ _____
4.	Floor preparation	Lump Sum		\$ _____
5.	Discount if City vacates the area for two (2) days	Lump Sum		\$ _____
6.				-\$ _____

NO BID SECURITY REQUIRED

The undersigned signatory for the bidder represents and warrants that he has full and complete authority to submit this proposal to the City, and to enter into a contract if this proposal is accepted.

**RETURN 2 COMPLETE COPIES OF PROPOSAL AND SUPPORTING MATERIAL.
MARK OUTSIDE OF BID ENVELOPE: SEALED BID FOR SPEC. 04-315**

COMPANY NAME

BY (Signature)

STREET ADDRESS or P.O. BOX

(Print Name)

CITY, STATE ZIP CODE

(Title)

TELEPHONE

(Date)

**EMPLOYER'S FEDERAL I.D. NO.
OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DAYS

Bids may be inspected in the Purchasing Division offices during normal business hours, **after** tabulation by the purchasing agent. If you desire a copy of the bid tabulation to be mailed to you, you must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your bidding documents. Bid tabulations can also be viewed on our website at: <http://www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/city/finance/purch/specindx.htm>

**Specification for
Carpet for the 911 Center -
555 South 10th Street., Lincoln, NE**

1. SCOPE OF WORK

- 1.1 The scope of work includes furnish, deliver, remove existing carpet and base, all floor preparation and installation of new carpet and contractor supplied cove base at the 911 Center.
- 1.2 The City of Lincoln intends to enter into a contract with selected firm to provide and install new carpet per manufacturers specifications in designated areas of the facility.
- 1.3 4" Contractor supplied cove base shall be installed by the Successful Contractor in all areas which have existing cove base.
- 1.4 It is estimated total carpet to be 400 sq. yds. carpet tile and 60 sq. yds. broadloom

2. SITE INSPECTION

- 2.1 A site visit is recommended before one submits a bid on this project.
- 2.2 All interested Contractors should contact the project manager to arrange a site visit to gain access to the facility for measurements (estimate provided on the bidding schedule of total sq. yds.) and inspection of the conditions under which the work will be performed.
 - 2.2.1 Site visit can be arranged for December 10th between 9-12 am, by contacting Julie righter at 402-441-7252.
- 2.3 No adjustments or extra compensation will be made for any condition and/or measurement which the Contractor might have fully informed himself of prior to bidding.

3. INQUIRIES:

- 3.1 For Project Manager contact: Julie Righter, Operations Manager
Property Management (402) 432-8526
- 3.2 For bidding information contact: Vince M. Mejer, Purchasing Agent
City/County Purchasing at (402) 441-8314
FAX: (402) 441-6513

4. SITE PREPARATION: Successful Contractor will be responsible for:

- 4.1 The removal and disposal of all old existing floor covering and cove base.
- 4.2 The removal of any glue, staples, nails, tack strips, etc. from old installation and proper surface preparation as per manufacturer's specifications for all new floor covering and cove base.
- 4.3 Any high or low areas will be properly leveled to insure a smooth level floor surface for new products.
- 4.4 All phases of the removal and installation process shall be coordinated with Julie Righter from the 911 Center.
 - 4.4.1 The intent of this scheduling is to provide as little disruption of the daily activity as possible.
 - 4.4.2 Utilization of mid-day hours may be required to allow for normal facility operation to continue during the removal & installation process.
 - 4.4.3 Should it be financially advantageous for the City to totally move it operations out of the area for no more than two(2) days can be arranged.

5. CARPET SPECIFICATIONS

- 5.1 The estimated quantity of carpet required is 400 sq. yds. carpet tile and 60 sq. yds. broadloom
- 5.1.1 Supplier shall be responsible for verifying these measurements.
- 5.2 Carpet shall be (or Approved Alternate - supply sample with bid):
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| MANUFACTURER: | Shaw Commercial Carpet |
| STYLE NAME: | Blox EW24 and Play EW24 200 yds each |
| CONSTRUCTION: | Carpet Tile, Pattern loop |
| COLOR TECHNIQUE: | Solution / Yarn Dyed |
| COLOR: | Plum Martini (or if alternate - selected from the manufactures standard colors or patterns) |
- 5.3 Carpet shall be (or Approved Alternate - supply sample with bid):
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| MANUFACTURER: | Lees Commercial Carpet |
| STYLE NAME: | Faculty IV |
| CONSTRUCTION: | Unibond |
| SURFACE TEXTURE: | Patterned Loop |
| PILE CONTENT: | Antron Legacy w/Dura Tech soil resistant |
| PILE WEIGHT: | 28 oz. per square yard |
| COLOR TECHNIQUE: | Solution / Yarn Dyed |
| COLOR: | Regal Purple (or if alternate - selected from the manufactures |
- 5.4 Supplier shall provide a written guarantee of installation for a period of one year from final acceptance.
- 5.4.1 Supplier will provide any service required to correct material problems at no charge.
- 5.4.2 This guarantee shall be in addition to the regular guarantee of the carpet manufacturer certifying samples submitted and materials supplied, meet or exceed this specification.
- 5.5 It is the intent of the 911 Center to purchase a carpet of a type and quality that will last a minimum of 10 years or more under heavy 24 hour operation.
- 5.5.1 Provide a copy of the manufacturer's standard warranty on the product you are proposing.
- 5.5.2 Warranty and durability will be a consideration in the award of this order.

6. COVE BASE FOR AREA

- 6.1 Contractor supplied cove base shall be a 4" Rubber/Vinyl Cove Base .
- 6.1.1 Color of base will be selected from manufacturers standard offerings by the project manager prior to award.
- 6.1.2 Old cove base and adhesive shall be removed and disposed of; then, new cove base shall be installed over all areas of new vinyl and/or tile or carpet.
- 6.2 Installation shall meet all manufacturer's recommended guidelines utilizing approved adhesive; low VOC.
- 6.3 Contractor to supply and install new vinyl transitional strips at doorways adjacent to new carpet where it meets existing VCT.

7. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 7.1 Formaldehyde - The supplier shall be required to submit statements from the manufacturers that their product or any raw materials used in their product does not contain any formaldehyde or emit formaldehyde in excess as established by the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974.
- 7.1.1 This should be on the supplier's letterhead stationary submitted to the supplier.
- 7.2 VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) - CRI Green Label, based on ASTM D5116. Total VOCs of less than 0.5 mg/m² -hr.
- 7.3 Flammability: Class 1 - Direct Glue Down; smoke chamber of 450 or less.
- 7.4 Static Propensity - 70/20 AATCC - 134: less than 3.5 KV
- 7.5 Treated with soil/stain resistant protection.

8 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS - A valid insurance certificate naming "The City of Lincoln" as named additional insured for the project" will be required prior to installations services.

8.1 See attached "Insurance Requirements for all City Contracts" for the types and amounts of insurance.

8.2 A contract, issued after award recommendation is approved by the Mayor, will serve as the contractor's notice to proceed.

9 FURNITURE MOVING

9.1 The City will move all furniture as it relates to the radio room

9.2 Office furniture shall be moved by the successful bidder.

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS
FOR
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

PURCHASING DIVISION
CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- 1.1 Copies of the plans, specification documents and contract documents may be obtained at the office of the Purchasing Agent.
- 1.2 Bidders are required to examine the same, and satisfy themselves that all requirements are fully understood.

2. PROJECT MANAGER

- 2.1 The definition of "Project Manager" as used in this Specification Document shall mean Julie Righter (402-441-7252) or by or through that person's duly authorized assistants.

3. SITE VISITATION

- 3.1 Bidders shall inform themselves of the conditions under which the work is to be performed, concerning the site of work, the structures, obstacles which may be encountered and all other relevant matters concerning the work to be performed.
- 3.2 The contractor will not be allowed any extra compensation by reason of any matter or thing concerning which he might fully have informed himself prior to bidding.
- 3.3 Bidders shall contact the Project Manager at 402-432-8326. (Fred Little) if questions regarding site inspection.

4. ESCALATOR CLAUSE

- 4.1 An escalator clause or any qualification of price conditions which makes it possible to bill at a price higher than price quoted will disqualify the bid, unless such maximum billing price or percentage of increase is definitely shown on the Proposal, in which case such higher price will be used for comparison of bids.

5. CONTRACT, BONDS AND INSURANCE

- 5.1 Within fourteen (14) calendar days after the award of bid, the successful bidder must execute a written contract between the bidder and the City, which contract will incorporate the City's specification documents, and be on contract forms provided by the City.
- 5.2 Also within such period, the successful bidder must furnish construction bonds, in a sum not less than the contract price executed by the bidder and by a corporate surety company authorized to transact business in the State of Nebraska. See sample bonds and commentary, attached.
- 5.3 Also, within such period, the successful bidder must furnish evidence of insurance in accordance with the attached "Insurance Clause to be Used for All City Contracts".

6. PAYMENT TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND

- 6.1 The contractor and his subcontractors must pay to the Unemployment Compensation Fund of the State of Nebraska, unemployment contributions and interest due under the provisions of Section 48-601 through 48-669, Nebraska Reissue revised Statutes for 1943, on wages paid to individuals employed in the performance of the contract

7. HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 7.1 The contractor and his subcontractors shall in all respects comply with the terms and provisions of Sections 48-425 through 48-435, Nebraska Reissue Revised statutes of 1943, generally pertaining but not limited to scaffolding and flooring, and shall perform fully on behalf of the City such requirements as said sections may impose upon the City.
- 7.2 The Contractor and his subcontractors shall likewise comply and perform with respect to any and all other applicable health and safety regulations.

8. DELAYS

- 8.1 With written permission of the Project Manager, the completion date may be extended if unsuitable weather or any force majeure should halt progress during the construction period.

9. CLEAN UP

- 9.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for keeping the premises free of waste materials or rubbish resulting from his operations or the operations of his subcontractors.
- 9.2 The Contractor shall remove equipment, scaffolding and surplus materials from the premises when the need for keeping them on the job no longer exists.

10. INSPECTIONS

- 10.1 Inspections in general will be conducted by Project Manager.
- 10.2 The contractor shall be responsible for contracting City Building and Safety Department for inspections required by City Codes for this type of public improvement.

11. ACCESS AND PARKING

- 11.1 The Contractor shall park all vehicles in an area as designated by the Project Manager during construction.
- 11.2 Access to the construction site shall be gained as directed by the Project Manager.

12. PERMITS, FEES AND NOTICES

- 12.1 Contractors shall secure and pay for all permits, licenses and certificates of inspections and occupancy that may be required by the City of Lincoln.

13. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

- 13.1 If any errors or omissions are found in the drawings or specifications or other documents during construction, the Contractor shall notify the Project Manager of such error or omission, and request clarification before proceeding with the work.

14. TEMPORARY UTILITIES

- 14.1 The contractor shall be responsible for securing and setting up all needed temporary utilities.

15. PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCES

- 15.1 Prior to starting any work, the contractor shall meet with the Project Manager for clarification of construction procedures and work to be accomplished.
- 15.2 At this time the contractor shall present his planned work schedule together with estimated completion date.

16. PROGRESS SCHEDULE

- 16.1 The Contractor, immediately after being awarded the contract, shall prepare and submit for the Project Manager's approval an estimated progress schedule for the work.
- 16.2 The progress schedule shall be related to the entire project to the extent required by the Contract Documents.
- 16.3 This schedule shall indicate the dates for the starting and completion of the various states of construction and shall be revised as required by the conditions of the work, subject to the Project Manager's approval.

17. GUARANTEE

- 17.1 As a minimum requirement of the City, the contractor shall guarantee all materials and workmanship for a period of one (1) year following completion of the project.

18. NOTICE TO PROCEED

- 18.1 The Contractor shall not begin construction until receiving written "Notice to Proceed" from the Project Manager.

19. PURCHASING AGENT APPOINTMENT AND EXEMPT SALE CERTIFICATE

- 19.1 The Contractor performing work for the City of Lincoln will be issued a Purchasing Agent Appointment and Exempt Sale Certificate signed by the Purchasing Agent.
- 19.2 It is to be used by the Contractor and his Subcontractors when purchasing tangible personal property to be actually incorporated into the contract work.
- 19.3 It does not apply to either:
1. The purchase of materials to be used but not incorporated into the contract work, including but limited to, form lumber, scaffolding, etc., or
 2. The purchase or rental of machinery, equipment or tools owned or leased by the Contractor or his subcontractors and used in performing the contract.
- 19.4 The contractor may reproduce copies of the original of the

aforsaid document to furnish to his or his subcontractor's suppliers on each invoice or order.

- 19.5 The Contractor (or Subcontractor for the subcontractor's suppliers shall enter the supplier's name and address, the date, the invoice or order number, a description of the items, and the amount in the spaces provided and shall sign the certificate on the line provided for the "Purchaser's Agent".

20. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- 20.1 If the Contractor fails to complete the Contract prior to the completion date, considering approved extensions of time, liquidated damages will be charged for each calendar day that the work remains incomplete.
- 20.2 The amount of liquidated damages will be deducted from the money due the Contractor prior to final payment or in the case where the remaining amount due the Contractor is less than the total amount of liquidated damages, the City shall have the right to recover the difference from the Contractor or his Surety.
- 20.3 Unless specifically amended or modified by the special provisions, the schedule below shall establish the daily amount of the liquidated damages:

BID AMOUNT:

<u>MORE THAN</u>	<u>UP TO AND INCLUDING</u>	<u>LIQUIDATED DAMAGES PER CALENDAR DAY</u>
\$ 0	\$ 100,000	\$ 100
100,000	500,000	200
500,000	1,000,000	300
1,000,000	AND UP	400

- 20.4 The amounts set forth in the above schedule are not to be considered punitive, but rather predetermined and reasonable amounts to compensate for the detriment to the public and to defray expenses incurred by the City due to the delay in the completion of the project.

21. ASBESTOS

- 21.1 No materials whatsoever shall be utilized in the construction, reconstruction or remodeling which may contain asbestos as defined under Nebraska Asbestos Control Act, Article 71, Section 71-6301 through 71-6317 of the Revised State of Nebraska Code.
- 21.2 The removal of any asbestos containing material shall be in strict compliance with the said Nebraska Asbestos Control Act and appropriate Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Regulations including but not limited to 29CFR, 1910-1200, 1926-58 and 1910-1001 and the Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA) NESHAPS Standard for Asbestos 40CFR 61 Subpart A and M covering emission standards, 42 USCA 7401-7642 - CLEAN AIR ACT, 40 CFR Part 763 Subpart G-Asbestos Abatement Projects, 40 CFR Part 763.120 Subpart G-Worker Protection Rule and such other local, state or federal applicable rules or regulations.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA PURCHASING DIVISION

1. BIDDING PROCEDURE

- 1.1 Bidder shall submit two (2) complete sets of the bid documents and all supporting material. All appropriate blanks shall be completed. Any interlineation, alteration or erasure on the specification document shall be initialed by the signer of the bid. Bidder shall not change the proposal form nor make additional stipulations on the specification document. Any amplified or qualifying information shall be on the bidder's letterhead and firmly attached to the specification document.
- 1.2 Bid prices shall be submitted on the Proposal Form included in the bid document.
- 1.3 Bidders may submit a bid on an "all or none" or "lump sum" basis, but should also submit a quotation on an item-by-item basis. Bidding documents shall be clearly marked indicating the kind of proposal being submitted.
- 1.4 Each bid must be legibly printed in ink or by typewriter, include the full name, business address, and telephone number of the bidder; and be signed in ink by the bidder.
- 1.5 A bid by a firm or organization other than a corporation must include the name and address of each member.
- 1.6 A bid by a corporation must be signed in the name of such corporation by a duly authorized official thereof.
- 1.7 Any person signing a bid for a firm, corporation, or other organization must show evidence of his authority so to bind such firm, corporation, or organization.
- 1.8 Bids received after the time and date established for receiving bids will be rejected.

2. BIDDER'S SECURITY

- 2.1 Bid security, as a guarantee of good faith, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bidder's bond, may be required to be submitted with this bid document, as indicated of the Proposal Form.
- 2.2 If alternate bids are submitted, only one bid security will be required, provided the bid security is based on the amount of the highest gross bid.
- 2.3 Such bid security will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders when the award of bid is made.
- 2.4 Bid security will be returned to the successful bidder(s) as follows:
 - 2.4.1 For single order bids with specified quantities: upon the delivery of all equipment or merchandise, and upon final acceptance by the City.
 - 2.4.2 For all other contracts: upon approval by the City of the executed contract and bonds.
- 2.5 City shall have the right to retain the bid security of bidders to whom an award is being considered until either:
 - 2.5.1 A contract has been executed and bonds have been furnished.
 - 2.5.2 The specified time has elapsed so that the bids may be withdrawn.
 - 2.5.3 All bids have been rejected.

- 2.6 Bid security will be forfeited to the City as full liquidated damages, but not as a penalty, for any of the following reasons, as pertains to this specification document:

- 2.6.1 If the bidder fails to deliver the equipment or merchandise in full compliance with the accepted proposal and specifications.
- 2.6.2 If the bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract on forms provided by the City, and/or if the bidder fails to provide sufficient bonds or insurance within the time period as established in this specification document.

3. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- 3.1 Each bidder agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, or marital status. Bidder shall fully comply with the provisions of Chapter 11.08 of the Lincoln Municipal Code.
- 3.2 Successful bidder will be required to comply with the provisions of the City's Affirmative Action Policy (Contract Compliance, Sec. 1.16).
- 3.3 The Equal Opportunity Officer will determine compliance or non-compliance with the City's Affirmative Action Policy upon a complete and substantial review of successful bidder's equal opportunity policies, procedures and practices.

4. DATA PRIVACY

- 4.1 Bidder agrees to abide by all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations concerning the handling and disclosure of private and confidential information concerning individuals and corporations as to inventions, copyrights, patents and patent rights.
- 4.2 The bidder agrees to hold the City harmless from any claims resulting from the bidder's unlawful disclosure or use of private or confidential information.

5. BIDDER'S REPRESENTATION

- 5.1 Each bidder by signing and submitting a bid, represents that the bidder has read and understands the specification documents, and the bid has been made in accordance therewith.
- 5.2 Each bidder for services further represents that the bidder is familiar with the local conditions under which the work is to be done and has correlated the observations with the requirements of the bid documents.

6. INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

- 6.1 By signing and submitting this bid, the bidder certifies that the prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor; unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder prior to bid opening directly or indirectly to any other bidder or to any competitor; no attempt has been made, or will be made, by the bidder to induce any person or firm to submit, or not to submit, a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

7. CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFICATION DOCUMENTS

- 7.1 Bidders shall promptly notify the Purchasing Agent of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error which they may discover upon examination of the specification documents.
- 7.2 Bidders desiring clarification or interpretation of the specification documents shall make a written request which must reach the Purchasing Agent at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the date and time for receipt of bids.
- 7.3 Interpretations, corrections and changes made to the specification documents will be made by written addenda.
- 7.4 Oral interpretations or changes to the Specification Documents made in any other manner, will not be binding on the City; and bidders shall not rely upon such interpretations or changes.

8. ADDENDA

- 8.1 Addenda are written instruments issued by the City prior to the date for receipt of bids which modify or interpret the specification document by addition, deletion, clarification or correction.
- 8.2 Addenda will be mailed or delivered to all who are known by the City to have received a complete set of specification documents.
- 8.3 Copies of addenda will be made available for inspection at the office of the Purchasing Agent.
- 8.4 No addendum will be issued later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time for receipt of bids, except an addendum withdrawing the invitation to bid, or an addendum which includes postponement of the bid.
- 8.5 Bidders shall ascertain prior to submitting their bid that they have received all addenda issued, and they shall acknowledge receipt of addenda on the proposal form.

9. ANTI-LOBBYING PROVISION

- 9.1 During the period between the bid close date and the contract award, bidders, including their agents and representatives, shall not directly discuss or promote their bid with any member of the City Council or City Staff except in the course of City-sponsored inquiries, briefings, interviews, or presentations, unless requested by the City.

10. BRAND NAMES

- 10.1 Wherever in the specifications or proposal form brand names, manufacturer, trade name, or catalog numbers are specified, it is for the purpose of establishing a grade or quality of material only; and the term "or equal" is deemed to follow.
- 10.2 It is the bidder's responsibility to identify any alternate items offered in the bid, and prove to the satisfaction of the City that said item is equal to, or better than, the product specified.
- 10.3 Bids for alternate items shall be stated in the appropriate brand on the proposal form, or if the proposal form does not contain blanks for alternates, bidder MUST attach to the specification documents on Company letterhead a statement identifying the manufacturer and brand name of each proposed alternate, plus a complete description of the alternate items including illustrations, performance test data and any other information necessary for an evaluation. The bidder must indicate any variances by item number

from the specification document no matter how slight. Bidder must fully explain the variances from the specification document, since brochure information may not be sufficient.

- 10.4 If variations are not stated in the proposal, it will be assumed that the item being bid fully complies with the City's specifications.

11. DEMONSTRATIONS/SAMPLES

- 11.1 Bidders shall demonstrate the exact item(s) proposed within seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such request from the City.
- 11.2 Such demonstration can be at the City delivery location or a surrounding community.
- 11.3 If bidder does not have an item in the area, it will be at the bidder's expense to send appropriate City personnel to the nearest location to view and inspect proposed item(s).
- 11.4 If items are small and malleable, and the bidder is proposing an alternate product, the bidder MUST supply a sample of the exact item. Samples will be returned at bidder's expense after receipt by the City of acceptable goods. Bidders must indicate how samples are to be returned.

12. DELIVERY

- 12.1 Each bidder shall state on his proposal form the date upon which he can make delivery of all equipment or merchandise. Time required for delivery is hereby made an essential element of the bid.
- 12.2 The City reserves the right to cancel orders, or any part thereof, without obligation, if delivery is not made within the time(s) specified on the proposal form.
- 12.3 All bids shall be based upon **inside** delivery of the equipment or merchandise F.O.B. the City at the location specified by the City, with all transportation charges paid.

13. WARRANTIES, GUARANTEES AND MAINTENANCE

- 13.1 Copies of the following documents must accompany the bid proposal for all items being bid:
 - 13.1.1 Manufacturer's warranties and/or guarantees.
 - 13.1.2 Bidder's maintenance policies and associated costs.
- 13.2 As a minimum requirement of the City, the bidder will guarantee in writing that any defective components discovered within a one (1) year period after the date of acceptance shall be replaced at no expense to the City. Replacement parts of defective components shall be shipped at no cost to the City. Shipping costs for defective parts required to be returned to the bidder shall be paid by the bidder.
- 13.3 Bidder Warrants and represents to the City that all software/firmware/hardware/equipment /systems developed, distributed, installed or programmed by Bidder pursuant to this Specification and Agreement.
 - 13.3.1 That all date recognition and processing by the software/firmware/hardware/equipment/system will include the four-digit-year format and will correctly recognize and process the date of February 29, and any related data, during Leap years; and
 - 13.3.2 That all date sorting by the software /firmware/hardware/ equipment/system that includes a "year category" shall be done based on the four-digit-year format. Upon being notified in writing by the City of the failure of any software/ firmware/

hardware /equipment /systems to comply with this Specification and Agreement, Contractor will, within 60 days and at no cost to the City, replace or correct the non-complying software/ firmware/ hardware/ equipment/ systems with software/firmware/ hardware/equipment/ systems that does comply with this Specification and Agreement.

- 13.3.3 No Disclaimers: The warranties and representations set forth in this section 13.3 shall not be subject to any disclaimer or exclusion of warranties or to any limitations of Licensor's liability under this Specification and Agreement.

14. ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL

- 14.1 All components used in the manufacture or construction of materials, supplies and equipment, and all finished materials, shall be new, the latest make/model, of the best quality, and the highest grade workmanship.
- 14.2 Material delivered under this proposal shall remain the property of the bidder until:
- 14.2.1 A physical inspection and actual usage of this material is made and found to be acceptable to the City; and
- 14.2.2 Material is determined to be in full compliance with the specifications and accepted proposal.
- 14.3 In the event the delivered material is found to be defective or does not conform to the specification documents and accepted proposal, then the City reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the bidder and return materials to the bidder at bidder's expense.
- 14.4 Successful bidder shall be required to furnish title to the material, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, issued in the name of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, as required by the specification documents or purchase orders.
- 14.5 Selling dealer's advertising decals, stickers or other signs shall not be affixed to equipment. Vehicle mud flaps shall be installed blank side out with no advertisements. Manufacturer's standard production forgings, stampings, nameplates and logos are acceptable.

15. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD

- 15.1 The signed bid proposal shall be considered an offer on the part of the bidder. Such offer shall be deemed accepted upon issuance by the City of purchase orders, contract award notifications, or other contract documents appropriate to the work.
- 15.2 No bid shall be modified or withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the time and date established for receiving bids, and each bidder so agrees in submitting the bid.
- 15.3 In case of a discrepancy between the unit prices and their extensions, the unit prices shall govern.
- 15.4 The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder whose proposal will be most advantageous to the City, and as the City deems will best serve their requirements.
- 15.5 The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids; to request rebids; to award bids item-by-item, by groups, or "lump sum"; to waive irregularities and technicalities in bids; such as shall best serve the requirements and interests of the City.

16. INDEMNIFICATION

- 16.1 The bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its members, its officers and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including, but not limited to attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the contract, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property other than goods, materials and equipment furnished under this contract) including the loss or use resulting therefrom; is caused in whole or part by any negligent act or omission of the bidder, any subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any one of them or anyone for whose acts made by any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused by a party indemnified hereunder.
- 16.2 In any and all claims against the City or any of its members, officers or employees by an employee of the bidder, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or by anyone for whose acts made by any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under paragraph 16.1 shall not be limited in any way by any limitation of the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the bidder or any subcontractor under worker's or workmen's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

17. TERMS OF PAYMENT

- 17.1 Unless other specification provisions state otherwise, payment in full will be made by the City within thirty (30) calendar days after all labor has been performed and all equipment or other merchandise has been delivered, and all such labor and equipment and other materials have met all contract specifications.

18. LAWS

- 18.1 The Laws of the State of Nebraska shall govern the rights, obligations, and remedies of the Parties under this proposal and any agreement reached as a result of this process.

19. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

- 19.1 The City of Lincoln-Lancaster County Purchasing Division provides equal opportunity for all bidders and encourages minority businesses and women's business enterprises to participate in our bidding process.

20. LIVING WAGE

- 20.1 The bidders agree to pay all employees employed in the performance of this contract, a base wage of not less than the City Living Wage per section 2.81.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code. This wage is subject to change up or down every July.